

Remarks

Double Patenting

In the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, claims 1-12 and 15-26 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending Application No. 10/672,134. Additionally, the Examiner acknowledges that claims 1-12 and 15-26 would be allowable by Applicant overcoming the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

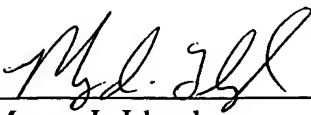
In response, Applicant has filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer thereby overcoming the obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Accordingly, claims 1-12 and 15-26 are allowable over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Conclusion

In summary, claims 1-12 and 15-26 meet the substantive requirements for patentability. The case is in appropriate condition for allowance. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. If a telephone or video conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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